

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3071

March 25, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a hearing officer or administrative law judge to penalize state agencies for bringing any contested case action in bad faith.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- State agencies are currently subject to sanctions for bad faith actions in cases in which citations are issued. This bill expands this potential liability to any contested case action.
- Cases in which sanctions are assessed against state agencies will be relatively rare.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director